

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANAGING  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Abstract of the Disclosure

Systems and methods for managing intellectual  
5 property are provided. These systems and methods may  
accept new pieces of intellectual property from  
creators of the intellectual property and then record  
the intellectual property, control access to the  
intellectual property, facilitate use and integration  
10 of the intellectual property, and track information  
relating to the intellectual property. Using five  
basic data structures, one embodiment of the present  
invention enables the tracking of IP elements (e.g., a  
single idea or a new combination of ideas), IP assets  
15 (e.g., one or more IP elements with recognized value),  
metadata elements (e.g., supplemental information), log  
elements (e.g., change information), and user records  
(e.g., user information). In an implementation of the  
invention, a "lab notebook page" paradigm may be used  
20 to facilitate the entry of information into an IP  
element.